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The Director expressed his pleasure with an SCC decision today to move for repeal of the Hughes-Ryan Amendment. Relatedly, the Director focused on omnibus legislation for intelligence improvements and he asked attendees to review their respective areas of responsibility over the next couple of days in search of other significant factors which inhibit operational effectiveness. He said these should be added to current items of special interest, e.g., Identities Legislation, FOIA, etc. A brief discussion followed on best approaches re legislation and Executive Order amendments. The Director said he wants to be confident that no inhibiting factors will surface months from now which should be addressed today. (Action: Legislative Counsel) []

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*DDST memo dtd 1/24/80 ER 80-219
responded to DCI's request for info on impact of
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